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SUBJ: GOVERNOR OF SINALOA COMMENTS ON DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION PREPARED BY AMCONSUL MAZATLAN
OF SELECTED PORTIONS OF A "STATE OF THE STATE" SPEECH
DELIVERED BY LIC. ALFONSO GERADO CALDERON VELARDE, GOVERNOR
OF SINALOA. SPEECH WAS DELIVERED ON NOV 15. THIS IS ONE
OF THE STRONGEST PUBLIC STATEMENTS WE HAVE SEEN ON THE
INTERNAL ASPECTS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE. PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA ATTENDED CEREMONY.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF DRUG TRAFFICKING
IS A NATIONAL SHAME, TO WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WITH
THE COLLABORATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HAS GIVEN ITS
COMPLETE ATTENTION IN ORDER TO COMBAT IT AT ITS ROOTS.
THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS SUBSCRIBED TO BY OUR GOVERNMENT
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, SHOW OUR PROFOUND INTEREST IN THIS
MATTER. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE STATE OF SINALOA HAS
BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS A PRODUCER OF POPPIES AND MARI-
JUANA, PRINCIPALLY IN ITS MOUNTAIN ZONES.
DEDICATION TO THESE ILLICIT ACTIVITIES HAS ALSO MADE
US BECOME CONSUMERS. NEW GENERATIONS HAVE FALLEN
INTO THE GRIPS OF THIS SOCIAL PROBLEM. PRODUCTION,
THE TRAFFICKING, AND CONSUMPTION OF DRUGS HAVE GENERATED
A CRIMINAL SCALE OF VIOLENCE AND VENGEANCE. MANY
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INNOCENT VICTIMS HAVE FALLEN IN THESE CONFRONTATIONS.

WE DEMAND, MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR ABSOLUTE SUPPORT, TO
DULY PROTECT SOCIETY, CLAMORING WITH DESPERATION-
AND RIGHTLY SO - FOR THE AUTHORITIES AT ALL LEVELS TO
PROTECT US.

THE ARMY, SPECIFICALLY THE NINTH MILITARY ZONE, COM-
MANDED BY GENERAL GONZALO CASTILLO FERRERA, TOGETHER
WITH THE OFFICIALS OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF MEXICO, HAVE DEVELOPED NEW TECHNIQUES IN AN
INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND
HAVE ACHIEVED SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

IN CARRYING OUT THE PERMANENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUGS,
8,954 FIELDS OF POPPIES, 3,904 FIELDS OF MARIJUANA
AND 173 MIXED FIELDS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

FURTHER, 14,652 KILOS OF MARIJUANA, 43 KILOS OF OPIUM
GUM, 3 KILOS OF PURE COCAIN, 32 KILOS OF HEROIN, 105
VEHICLES AND 15 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED.

IN ORDER TO ORIENT, PREVENT, AND TREAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE
WHO HAVE BECOME DRUG ADDICTS, TWO CENTERS OF INTEGRACION
JUVENIL HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN CULIACAN AND MAZATLAN,
WITH ASSISTANCE FROM OFFICIALS OF THE MEXICAN CENTER
OF STUDIES IN DRUG ADDICION; WE ARE HOPING SOON TO
OPEN ANOTHER CENTER IN THE NORTHERN ZONE, LOS MOCHIS.
I WISH TO THANK THE PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE AND PERSONNEL
OF THE CENTERS FOR THE SPLENDID HELP THAT THEY HAVE
GIVEN TO THE CENTERS.. END QUOTE.

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